also been split into important grades/varieties and each grade is being treated as a separate item causing lists of certain products to expand.

The details of the deleted items in the new WPI series by major commodity groups & subgroups are listed below:

Commodity Groups	No. of items deleted	Names of some deleted items
Primary Articles	9	
Non Food Articles	3	Raw hemp, Mahua seed, lac
Minerals	6	mica, kyanite, petroleum crude etc.
Fuel Group	2	**Electricity (special), electricity (other uses)**
Manufactured Products	139	
Food Products	13	tin milk powder, canned juices, kardi oil etc.
Textiles	15	poplin shirting, powerloom cloth, art silk cloth etc.
Chemical & Chem. Prod.	31	nitric & sulphuric acid, vitamin capsules, agarbatti etc.
Non Metallic Mineral Prod.	3	non ceramic tiles, crockery, bangles etc.
Basic Metals, Alloy & Metal Prod.	26	scrap stainless steel, tin, lead, locks etc.
Other Sub Groups	51	dumpers, refrigerators (domestic) radiators, table fans etc.
TOTAL:	150	

Amendments in the Property Registration, Transfer of Property and the Indian Stamp Acts

*620. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Property Registration Act, Transfer of Property Act and the Indian Stamp Act;

(b) if so, the details of amendments likely to be made in the proposed Acts; and

(c) to what extent the amendments in the proposed Acts may bring

down prices of land and properties and also check illegal dealings in properties?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Yes sir.

(b) The Conference of Chief Ministers and Finance Ministers of States and Union territories convened by the Union Finance Minister on the 14th September, 1998 at New Delhi, arrived at certain conclusions as under:

(i) There was unanimity that sub-section (2) of section 30 of the Registration Act, 1908 should be repealed.

(ii) There was consensus that photographs and fingerprints of the executants should be made compulsory on documents which are being registered. There was also consensus for compulsory registration of general power of attorney which may be in the nature of a contract to sell immovable property and for consequential amendments in the Registration Act, 1908, the Indian Stamp Act, 1899 and the Transfer of Property Act, 1882.

(iii) There was also consensus for providing an enabling provision for computerisation of registration of records.

The Government is considering amendment of Registration Act, 1908, the Transfer of Property Act, 1882 and the Indian Stamp Act, 1899 to give effect to the aforesaid conclusions.

(c) It is too early to estimate as to the extent of effect of the proposed legislation on the value of land and property and on checking of illegal dealings in properties.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Streamlining of Booking Procedure in AI

4562. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the last week of February 2000, more than hundred passengers having confirmed tickets were off-loaded from the Air India flights because of over booking;

(b) if so, the details thereof;